

**CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009 3:30 P. M.
Room C450, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex**

Members Present: Rep. Ron Bigelow, Committee Co-Chair
 Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Committee Co-Chair
 Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Vice Chair
 Rep. Bradley G. Last, Vice Chair
 Sen. Gregory S. Bell
 Rep. David Clark, Speaker
 Rep. Brad L. Dee
 Rep. Kevin S. Garn
 Rep. James R. Gowans
 Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
 Sen. Patricia W. Jones
 Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
 Rep. David Litvack
 Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
 Sen. Karen Mayne
 Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
 Sen. Luz Robles
 Sen. Ross I. Romero
 Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig
 Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, President

Staff Present: Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Steven Allred, Deputy Director
 Karen C. Allred, Secretary
 Cami Deavila, Secretary

Speakers Present: There were no outside speakers at this meeting

Note: A copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the Committee minutes.

Committee Co-Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Co-Chair Hillyard announced that there is overflow in rooms 415 and 450 of the State Capital, that the next Executive Appropriations meeting will be held in Room 30 in the West Building (the old House Chambers), and that the papers being handed out will be posted simultaneously on the Internet.

1. Budget Actions

MOTION: Co-Chair Bigelow moved to approve the following one-time offsets for use in back-filling the FY2009 budget: Gunnison Prison Pod Cash -- \$52 million; USTAR

Building Cash -- \$46 million; Water Development Balances -- \$30 million; Disaster Recovery Fund -- \$15 million; and Building Bonds -- \$32 million.

Co-Chair Bigelow explained that this motion is placed in order to have funds available to back fill for the rest of the year in the various committees following the reductions we have to get into place to bring the budget into balance. This will make available \$175 million to the various agencies.

Co-Chair Hillyard asked for explanation on the five individual items as part of his motion.

Co-Chair Bigelow explained that \$52 million was set aside for the Gunnison Prison Pod to add to the correctional facility we currently have. USTAR had capital funds appropriated to build several buildings. This \$46 million was funds that had not been used yet. The Water Development Fund and the Disaster Recovery Fund are one-time items that will be taken. The Building Bonds are from about \$180 million in building projects funded by one-time money. We are taking \$32 million of that cash and propose to issuing a bond for those funds.

Co-Chair Hillyard commented that the Gunnison Prison and USTAR buildings are both planned to be built, but they will not be built immediately. The buildings can be delayed for a short time and free up the cash.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Jenkins and Romero, and Reps. Last, Litvack, Moss and Seelig absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to strike "24,036,700" on page 14, line 425 "MSP -- Related to Basic Program Reduction", and insert "39,036,700".

The effect of this motion would be to add back \$15 million to public education's budget for the current year only. The over-all cuts would still remain at 7.3% in the budget and 3.5% in the fill back. This lessens the impact on classrooms to 1.5% this current year.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Litvack, Moss and Seelig absent for the vote.

MOTION: Co-Chair Bigelow moved to authorize legislative staff to prepare and number "Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act" and "Minimum School Program Budget Amendments" as Executive Appropriations Committee bills. Staff shall include in these bills, where appropriate, the offsets previously approved and the supplemental budget changes described on the buff sheet titled "FY 2009 Balanced Budget Proposal -- 2009 General Session" and dated today, January 30, 2009, as amended. In consultation with the co-chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst may make any technical changes necessary.

The intent of the motion is to approve the list of the FY 2009 Balanced Budget Proposal, as amended, to include the motions above. This is essentially the same list that has been

available for the past couple of days with a couple of minor corrections. The previous list had an error that has been corrected on this list, and an adjustment to bring all of the elected officials to the same rate of reduction.

Sen. Jones expressed appreciation to the majority leadership and chairs for working with them, especially the \$15 million put back.

Pres. Waddoups commented that we have a lot of visitors, and we should have room for the public to come, so he counsels the presenters to limit the number from their office that come to the meeting.

Sen. Killpack expressed appreciation for the patience of those who were here the other day and waited to have the meeting postponed.

Speaker Clark expressed appreciation for his colleagues, the Appropriations Chairs. What has gone on the past couple of weeks, that usually takes the whole session, has been rather monumental. He expressed a special appreciation to the staff and their responsiveness. He asked the members of the Fiscal Analyst office to stand and they were applauded. Speaker Clark expressed appreciation to the majority party as the issues and discussions were wrestled with, and the thoughtfulness that went into the motion he made, he feels it was the right thing to do.

Co-Chair Hillyard expressed that he and Co-Chair Bigelow share in appreciation for the support they receive.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Hillyard reported that if there was anyone in the audience that would like the FY2009 Balanced Budget Proposal, come up to the table after the meeting.

MOTION: Co-Chair Bigelow moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Minutes reported by Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary.

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Co-Chair

Rep. Ron Bigelow, Co-Chair